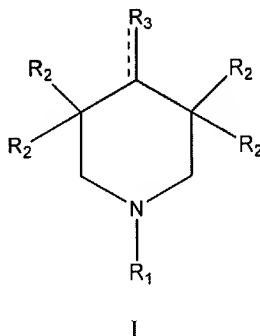


Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the following formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

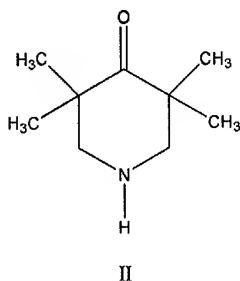


wherein,

R<sub>1</sub> and each of R<sub>2</sub>, the same or different, independently represent hydrogen atom or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkyl;

----- represents a single bond or a double bond, when ----- is a double bond, R<sub>3</sub> is oxygen atom; when ----- is a single bond, R<sub>3</sub> is hydroxyl group, wherein said compound is 1-ethyl-3,3,5,5-tetramethyl-4-piperidone or 3,3,5,5-tetramethyl-4-piperidanol.

2. (Currently Amended) A compound of the following formula II or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof: ~~The compound of claim 1, which has the following formula II:~~



3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising the compound according to claim 1 or claim 2 ~~compounds as claimed in claim 1~~ and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

5. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 4, in a dosage form suitable for oral, injection or topical administration.

6. (Original) A method for preparing Marasmius androsaceus L.es Fr extract, which comprises extracting fungi Marasmius androsaceus L.es Fr with an organic solvent, an aqueous organic solvent or water, and concentrating the obtained extractive.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing the compound ~~of formula I~~ according to claim 1, which comprises extracting fungi Marasmius androsaceus L.es Fr with an organic solvent, an aqueous organic solvent or water to obtain an extract, separating and purifying the extract thereby obtaining a compound monomer of formula II, and then deriving ~~the compound monomer~~ the compound according to claim 1 by reacting it ~~the compound monomer of formula II~~ with a calculated amount of alkyl halide under basic condition.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the organic solvent is methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, dichloromethane, trichloromethane, methyl acetate, ethyl acetate, petroleum or diethyl ether.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for treating an individual with hypertension comprising administering the compound of claim 1 or claim 2 to said individual ~~Use of the compound as claimed in claim 1 in the preparation of a medicament for the prevention and/or treatment of hypertension and its related diseases.~~

10. (Currently Amended) A method for treating an individual with cardiovascular

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disease or cerebrovascular disease comprising administering the compound of claim 1 or claim 2  
to said individual ~~Use of claim 9, wherein the hypertension and its related diseases include~~  
~~simple hypertension, coronary heart diseases caused by hypertension and other cardio- and~~  
~~cerebro-vascular diseases.~~